

KAISER AGE AND DEPRESSED--BOTH GERMANY AND AUSTRIA CLAIM VICTORIES Over Russia-British Collier Sunk--Yesterday's Air Raid BRITAIN CALMLY AWAITS THE GERMAN'S BLOCKADE

TEUTONS CLAIMING BIG VICTORIES OVER RUSSIA

Germans Say They Captured 50,000 at Mazurian Lakes

Austrians Say the Russians Are Surrounded in Bukovina.

(By Times Special Cable.)
Berlin, via London, Feb. 17.—The Russian prisoners, besides many cannon and machine guns, were captured by the Germans when the Russian fourth army was defeated in the Mazurian Lake district, East Prussia, according to a statement issued at General Headquarters here to-day. The text of the communication follows:
"In a nine-day battle in the Mazurian Lake district the Russian fourth army, consisting of at least eleven infantry and several cavalry divisions, not only was driven out of strongly entrenched positions east of the Mazurian Lake plateau, but was forced back across the frontier."
"Utterly defeated, at almost every point, only the remnants of the army managed to reach the woods east of Suwalki and Augustow, where they are being pursued. The number of prisoners taken has not been ascertained, but certainly exceeded 50,000. More than fifty cannon and sixty machine guns, besides an unknown quantity of war material, were captured."
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YEAR'S WAGES FIXED; NO LABOR UNREST

Bricklayers Will Get Present Rate of Pay for Next Three Years.

No Increases in Other Building Trades Are at All Probable.

Bricklayers' wages in Hamilton for the three years from May 1st next are now fixed. Some time ago a meeting of the bricklayers was held and some maintained that they were due to an increase, from 50 cents an hour for the first, 55 for the second, and 60 cents for the third. Others were of the opinion that it is granted for the first year, and for the remaining two. No action was taken, and when the committee went to the conference it was with a free mind. Both propositions were placed before the employers, and both were turned down, had times being the reason. It was said that the time was not ripe to put up serious objection, in fact a course had not even been indicated by the men, and no committee agreed to take the old scale of wages on for the next three years. This rate has been in force for some time past.

One master is not unsatisfied. The men want to be paid every week instead of two, as has been the rule; also that the pay day be made Friday instead of Saturday, to give the men money for market. The employers point out that there are many bricklayers this morning and that there was a good deal of work in this line a few days ago. It is pointed out that it is in the middle of the week and a few days later. The consensus of opinion is that even this concession will be granted. In accordance to the advisability of adding a clause making the wages of bricklayers for weekly was discussed, but it was realized that no decision could be made. The matter is still undecided.

It is the general feeling that there will be no change in any of the building trades' salaries for the next three years—certainly no increase—and no labor trouble when the existing agreements run out.

LATTER DAY SAINTS COME TO COURT AGAIN

Wilson A. Bannister and Joseph T. Thompson are still fighting each other in the courts. Last spring the latter brought action against Thompson for the amount of the wife's affections. The evidence will be remembered as having brought out that both men were Latter Day Saints. The court had to decide whether the wife was entitled to the loss of the society and the help of the wife. Then members of the church became incensed at Thompson and alleged to remain one of their members and the Bishop of the order refused to allow this and told a trial. After due consideration, the charges were dropped.

MORATORIUM

Ontario's Bill Leaves Foreclosure With Judge.

(Special to the Times.)
Toronto, Ont., Feb. 17.—It has been previously decided by the Ontario Legislature to introduce the moratorium bill before the Legislature tomorrow. The bill is in order to have the same Government measure to be passed to work up. As the bill is now in the hands of the committee, there will be many details to fill in after a general meeting of the members, but the bill is expected to be passed at the discretion of a judge whether or not foreclosures are taken against mortgagors. In other words, before the holder of a mortgage can foreclose he will have to first obtain the sanction of a judge and in any case where a judge is able to establish proof that he is unable to pay, the mortgagee will be instructed under the act to refuse foreclosure proceedings.

Provision will also be included to make it impossible for those able to pay to be permitted to bring behind the act, simply to avoid their debt. The act will be made retroactive, the date of its coming into effect being fixed to correspond with the date of the war. It will remain in force until the end of the war, or until proclaimed out of date by the Government.

Arrangements were made to hold a benefit carnival at the Thistle Hotel this evening, the proceeds to go to the benefit of the war. It was decided that there being no one, the affair was postponed.

ENEMY STILL GETS COPPER

Leakage from Neutral to Germany is Worrying.

Norway is Believed to be One of the Sources.

(By Times Special Cable.)
London, Feb. 17.—Admiralty officials are taking vigorous steps to prevent the leakage of copper from neutral countries into Germany, but there are still grave suspicions that Germany is getting copper in considerable quantities from neighboring countries. Although Denmark has strictly forbidden the exportation of copper to belligerents, it is reported that considerable quantities of the much-needed metal have made their way through Danish firms into Germany within the last three months, and the British Government is much concerned about the matter.

At the opening of the war British officials believed Holland was a source of copper to Germany, but recently the Dutch regulations have been changed, and the Netherlands have been asked to stop any shipments of copper and other metals across the Dutch border as believed by British officials to be inadmissible.

Norway has steadily maintained that it was prohibited to ship what copper it produces abroad, and that it was not permitted to ship what copper it produces abroad, and that it was not permitted to ship what copper it produces abroad.

KAISER IS DEPRESSED

He Has Gained Weight, but is Air of Faded Depression.

His Physical Appearance Shows that he is not in the best of health.

(By Times Special Cable.)
London, Feb. 17.—A correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, who has recently had exceptional opportunity for close observation of the Kaiser, writes:
"His physical appearance shows that he is not in the best of health. He has gained weight, but is air of faded depression. He speaks little, and his attention is apparently all directed to the war."
"I was convinced that he at last recognizes what the future has in store for him and his people and that he sees little brightness in the prospect."
"The officers of the General Staff share his depressed mood, and are apparently filled with similar misgivings."

TEUTON FORCE TO HIT SERBIA

(By Times Special Cable.)
Paris, Feb. 17.—The Austro-German forces organized to operate against Serbia consist of nine army corps, three of which are German, totaling 100,000 men, according to a dispatch to the Balkan agency from Athens, based upon what is said to be authoritative information.

ONLY TWO LOST

When British Collier Dulwich Was Torpedoed.

(By Times Special Cable.)
Havre, via Paris, Feb. 17.—The British steam collier Dulwich, bound from Hull to Rouen, was torpedoed by a German submarine on the northwest coast of Cape de la Hève, at a point about 10 miles from the middle starboard side.

As the crew took to the boats the submarine, which torpedoed the ship, was seen speeding away. The Dulwich sank in five minutes.

Twenty-two members of the crew of the French steamer Argenteau and brought to Havre. Seven others were lost. The fate of the other nine is unknown.

While pulling toward the French coast, a ship which might have been the crew of the Dulwich was seen in the distance. It was seen several times as it watched them, and then disappeared again.

A dispatch from London last night stated that the Dulwich had received information from Rouen, France, that the Dulwich had been torpedoed. The information was brought about by seven men of the crew, who rowed to the shore. The Dulwich was valued at \$250,000, owned by the British Steamship Company.

LENT BEGINS

Large Attendance at Ash Wednesday Services.

Night days earlier than a year ago, the Lenten season—the festival of devotion—began this morning, marked in the Catholic churches by large attendances at the services. The Lenten season is known in church history as Ash Wednesday, and has been solemnly observed by the faithful since the time of the Crusades. The Lenten season is a time of fasting and prayer, and is a time of devotion. The Lenten season is a time of fasting and prayer, and is a time of devotion.

Not the Slightest Prospect of Agreeing to Their Terms.

Retaliatory Policy Announcement Expected Momentarily.

(By Times Special Cable.)
London, Feb. 17.—At the stroke of midnight the waters surrounding the coasts of the United Kingdom will become, as far as it lies in the power of Germany to make them, a war zone, which all vessels, neutral or otherwise, will penetrate at their peril.

Some of the services across the Channel probably will be curtailed, but a majority of the neutral shipping lines will accept the risk and continue their sailings. The names and nationality of the vessels and the flags of their nations will be painted on their sides, in the hope that German submarines will not sink them by mistake.

Britain's announcement of the details of her proposed retaliatory policy, by which she plans to shut off the German food supply from the outside, is expected momentarily, and apparently there is not the slightest prospect that this country will accept the German proposal to call off the blockade if England will relax naval pressure on shipping.

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LOW TAX RATE IDEA GETS ANOTHER BLOW

Officials Say Controllers Have Overlooked Item of \$35,000.

Plans for Mountain Sewerage Thrown Into Waste-paper Basket.

Another jolt was given the Controllers today as civic financiers. It was recently brought to their attention by some of the officials that the municipal insurance fund to be created under the new Workmen's Compensation Act, and on this little oversight money, some of the officials in the neighborhood of \$35,000, it came as a shock. The officials point out that if the money is not included in the estimate, as it should be, it will have to be provided by a big overdraft at the end of the year, and they fear that already, even with a twenty-million dollar outlay, the city will be in a bad way. In Berlin and other cities of Ontario, the municipal corporations are putting aside two to four and a half per cent. of the city's revenue for the purpose of the Workmen's Compensation Act, but if any city refused to lay aside a certain amount, it would be considered sufficient by the Government, as it would be likely that the act would be amended to force all cities to make the necessary provision.

The project of the mountain residents being given by the city a water supply sewer is so big that the engineer's department at the municipality has practically been asked to lay all its plans for the scheme into the waste paper basket. This was the result of an announcement to-day by the officials.

An announcement was made at the City Hall this morning that W. C. Thompson, ex-secretary of the Board of Works, and Wilfrid Hollingsworth, former secretary of the Board of Works, were planning to launch a new contracting business in Hamilton.

AFTEROPERATION THE OSCAR II

Late Postmaster of Grimsby Died in Hospital.

Missing Steamer Seized by a British Warship.

New York, Feb. 17.—Agents of the Scandinavian-American Line announced to-day that the steamship Oscar II, which was chartered by the Government for Christmas and Copenhagen, had reached Kirkwall, in the Orkney Islands, just north of Scotland, last Sunday. The ship had been seized by a British warship, and was being taken to the United States.

The Oscar II is a Norwegian steamship. The ship was seized by a British warship, and was being taken to the United States.

Local agents of the line said to-day that the vessel had not intended to stop at Kirkwall, and that they feared that she had been seized by a British warship, and was being taken to the United States.

The message received here from Captain Hempel, and consisted of four words: "Arrived. Port. Free." This is the second time that the Oscar II has been diverted from her course into a British port.

The message undoubtedly means that the Oscar II is a British war vessel. It was captured by a British war vessel, and is being taken to the United States.

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BUSINESS, COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL SECTION

MARKETS AND FINANCE

TORONTO MARKETS

FARMERS' MARKETS.

Apples, per bushel	30.00
Oranges, do	30.00
Peaches, do	30.00
Pears, do	30.00
Plums, do	30.00
Cherries, do	30.00
Strawberries, do	30.00
Raspberries, do	30.00
Blackberries, do	30.00
Blueberries, do	30.00
Cranberries, do	30.00
Gooseberries, do	30.00
Kiwifruit, do	30.00
Guavas, do	30.00
Limes, do	30.00
Avocados, do	30.00
Jackfruits, do	30.00
Mangoes, do	30.00
Papayas, do	30.00
Guavas, do	30.00
Limes, do	30.00
Avocados, do	30.00
Jackfruits, do	30.00
Mangoes, do	30.00
Papayas, do	30.00

WHOLESALE MEATS

Beef, per cwt	10.00
Pork, do	10.00
Lamb, do	10.00
Chicken, do	10.00
Duck, do	10.00
Geese, do	10.00
Swine, do	10.00
Cattle, do	10.00
Sheep, do	10.00
Goats, do	10.00
Poultry, do	10.00
Fish, do	10.00
Seafood, do	10.00
Game, do	10.00
Wildfowl, do	10.00
Small game, do	10.00
Game birds, do	10.00
Small fowl, do	10.00
Game mammals, do	10.00
Small mammals, do	10.00
Game reptiles, do	10.00
Small reptiles, do	10.00
Game amphibians, do	10.00
Small amphibians, do	10.00
Game insects, do	10.00
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Game plants, do	10.00
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Game fungi, do	10.00
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Game bacteria, do	10.00
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Game viruses, do	10.00
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Game protozoa, do	10.00
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Game helminths, do	10.00
Small helminths, do	10.00
Game arthropods, do	10.00
Small arthropods, do	10.00
Game mollusks, do	10.00
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Game cnidarians, do	10.00
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Game chordates, do	10.00
Small chordates, do	10.00
Game echinoderms, do	10.00
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Game cephalopods, do	10.00
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Game gastropods, do	10.00
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Game nautilus, do	10.00
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Game bivalves, do	10.00
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SUGAR MARKET.

Sugar, per cwt	10.00
molasses, do	10.00
Syrup, do	10.00
Glucose, do	10.00
Fructose, do	10.00
Malt, do	10.00
Wheat, do	10.00
Rye, do	10.00
Barley, do	10.00
Oats, do	10.00
Peas, do	10.00
Beans, do	10.00
Lentils, do	10.00
Flour, do	10.00
Starch, do	10.00
Alcohol, do	10.00
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WINNERS' GRAIN OFFERS.

Wheat, per bushel	1.00
Rye, do	1.00
Barley, do	1.00
Oats, do	1.00
Peas, do	1.00
Beans, do	1.00
Lentils, do	1.00
Flour, do	1.00
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